

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....(668-7916) Joe Collins  
 Lead Singing.....Jeff McVey  
 First Prayer.....Bobby Ashford  
 Reading.....Josh King  
 Scripture.....Acts 26:28  
 Lord's Table (N).....\*David Keele  
 (S).....\*W.C. Chilton  
 (N).....Jared Mullican  
 (N).....Jeff Templeton  
 (N).....Justin Randolph  
 (S).....Ken Martin  
 (S).....Noel Pepper  
 (S).....Ryan McColloch  
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Stanley Graves

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....(668-7916) Joe Collins  
 Lead Singing.....Jeff McVey  
 First Prayer.....Allen Hughes  
 Reading.....Phillip Brock  
 Scripture.....Isaiah 40:31  
 Lord's Table.....\*Kurt Maynard  
 .....\*Bruce Pryor  
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Ronnie Hoover

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Brian Moody  
 Lead Singing.....Danny Duncan  
 First Prayer.....Ricky Prince  
 Reading.....Jack Keele  
 Invitation.....Paul Hurst  
 Dismiss.....Bob Cantrell

**Welcome Committee**

A.M.....Jamie Brock Family  
 P.M.....Danny Duncan Family

**Bus Driver:**.....Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

**Ushers:** .....Brian Moody & Willie Newby  
**Attend Nursery:**.....Stephanie Jones  
**Un/Lock Building:**.....Dale Bennett/Willie Newby  
**Prepare Communion:** .....W.C. & Nelma Chilton  
**Assist Baptisms:** .....Doris Smith & Jean Ware

**Pantry Item:** .....Sugar

**Elder Closing Remarks:** .....Doug Hendrixson

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship.....314  
 Bible Study.....230  
 P.M. Worship.....202  
 Wednesday Bible Study.....209  
 Contribution.....\$6,801

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**Services**

<i>Sunday</i>		<i>Wednesday</i>	
A.M. Worship	9:00 AM	Bible Study	7:00 PM
Bible Study	10:15 AM		
P.M. Worship	6:00 PM	<i>Monday (2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> of each month)</i>	
		Monday Morning Bible Class	9:00 AM

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Jamie Brock	W.C. Chilton
Joe Collins	Jeff Flatt
Shannon Griffin	Allen Hughes
Rickey Hurst	David Keele
Ken Martin	Kurt Maynard
Gordon Mayfield	Jeff McVey
Bruce Pryor	Jim Slatton

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## Sick

### At Home:

*Wilma Chisam (at daughter's home)*  
*Frankie Hobbs*  
*Hailey Taylor (Bill Brown's great granddaughter)*  
*June Crouch*  
*Hannah Disbro (friend of several in the youth group and student at Boyd) - taking chemo*

### In The Hospital:

*Johnnie Paris (sister to Nelma Chilton & Nona Martin) River Park Rehab #257*  
*John Gallagher (Mary Flatt's brother-in-law) heart surgery at Centennial this week*  
*Marion Ward (brother-in-law to Juanita Oliver) - St. Thomas-Rutherford Hospital with heart problems*

## Sympathy

We extend sympathy to the family of Donald Hill, Sr. Father of our Donnie Hill and grandfather of Betsy McBride. His service was this past Saturday.

## Sermons For Sunday

AM.....Three Essential Elements To A Christian  
PM.....Favorite Scriptures: Isaiah 40:31

## Welcome

The elders announced Sunday morning that sister Phyllis Bailey has placed her membership with the congregation. Please welcome her and add her to your church directory:

Phyllis Bailey  
48 Hill Top Dr.  
McMinnville, TN  
(931) 815-9009

## Autumn Street Fair

Just two weeks from this Saturday will be the Annual Autumn Street Fair in downtown McMinnville. For the past several years the church has had a booth where we promote the church in the community. Please the sign sheets on the bulletin board to volunteer. If you have any questions, please see Allen Hughes.

## Youth News

The Moody's will host this month's **HOME DEVOTIONAL**. We will "head up the mountain" this Sunday *immediately* following evening services. Our devotional verse will be Isaiah 41:10, "Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." Boys are to bring a drink and girls a dessert.

**BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY** is next Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Our **FALL RETREAT** will take place October 11 – 13 in Pigeon Forge. Each year for this retreat a song is selected as our theme. The song for this year is "Light the Fire." A sign-up sheet with full details is on the Youth Bulletin Board. The capacity is 30 people, so make sure to get your spot confirmed!

### ADDITIONAL UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>—Young Men Led Services  
Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>—H.E.Y.  
Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>—Bible Bowl Study  
Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>—Bible Bowl @ Bybee Branch

## Opportunities for Edification

Gospel Meeting at Corinth church of Christ, September 20-22, services at 7 with Jonathan Stubblefield preaching.

Gospel Meeting at Morrison church of Christ, September 22-26, services at 7 with James Rogers preaching.

Gospel Meeting at Smithville church of Christ, October 6-9, services at 7 with Jim Dearman preaching.

Homecoming at East End church of Christ, October 6, services at 9, 10 am and 6 pm. Kevin Key preaching.

Ladies Day at East End Drive church of Christ, October 19, services start at 9 am. Barbara Tubbs will speak on "Blooming Where You Are."

## Three Great Tragedies In Services

The assembly of the saints is a grand privilege and opportunity for the church to offer praise to the Almighty and be encouraged and edified. Some fail to see the value of this opportunity as evidenced by their frequently missing those assemblies. God does observe what we do as do those who visit us. In the first century Paul warned the church that a service of confusion would result in a visitor saying that "you are out of your mind." (1 Cor. 14:23).

It is a tragedy when a service does not honor God. Likewise it is a tragedy when those assembled do not derive some joy and encouragement from offering worship to God. There is a right and a wrong way to worship God (Jn. 4:24). With that in mind I would like to suggest three tragedies observed in "our" assemblies.

1. **Dumbing Down.** Recently it was reported that a 1912 entrance exam to High School was found. On the news report it was noted how "difficult" the test was and how few could pass it today. About the same time retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor gave a speech in which she lamented the alarming degree of public ignorance. I don't think any rational person will deny that there has been at least a little "dumbing down" of education in America. The bar of knowledge has been lowered. What about the educational program of the church? There was a time when everyone had "fill-in-the-blank" workbooks. Parents saw that the children had not only their school lessons done, but also their Sunday School lesson. Members of the Lord's church were frequently known as "walking Bibles" due to their vast knowledge of the Word. If a preacher today addresses a deeper biblical topic then he is frequently criticized for "preaching over everyone's head." A lack of spiritual knowledge is deadly! (Hos. 4:6). Don't you believe it is time for us to "raise the bar" for our Bible knowledge?

2. **Dressing Down.** Society's standard of proper decorum have drastically changed. Clothes that our parents would have thrown away due to holes are now in high demand and at a high cost. Solemn occasions such as funerals and graduations were always attended with "dress" clothes. Every child of the former generation knows what "Sunday shoes" and "Sunday go to meeting" clothes were. It is distressing to see how some dress when they come to worship the Almighty. Its not just about modesty (and that's important!), but about respect. In Mt. 22:11, Jesus used an illustration of a man attending a wedding feast without wearing the proper garments. When questioned he has nothing he could say. His attire said a lot about how he respected the bride, groom and their families. What does our dress say about our respect for God when we come into His assembly?

3. **Drowning Out.** Solomon observed, "Then I said: "Wisdom is better than strength. Nevertheless the poor man's wisdom is despised, And his words are not heard. Words of the wise, spoken quietly, should be heard rather than the shout of a ruler of fools." Ecc. 9:16-17. Sadly, God's message is often drowned out by the words of modern philosophy and psychology. People gravitate toward that which interests them and will find someone who will provide that message. Paul told Timothy, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables." 2 Tim. 4:3-4. Don't let God's word be drowned out by the traditions of men!

~ Tony Lawrence ~

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